

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-00667-JEB**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
et al

Assigned to: Judge James E. Boasberg  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/23/2018

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/23/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against ALL DEFENDANTS ) ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5386316) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons for U.S. Attorney for DC, # <u>3</u> Summons for U.S. Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons for U.S. Department of State, # <u>5</u> Summons for U.S. Agency for International Development)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 03/23/2018)
03/23/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 03/23/2018)
03/23/2018		Case Assigned to Judge James E. Boasberg. (zmd) (Entered: 03/26/2018)
03/29/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent) (tth) (Entered: 03/29/2018)
04/03/2018	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 4/2/2018. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 5/2/2018.), RETURN OF

		SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 04/03/18., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT served on 4/2/2018; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 4/3/2018 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Summons for U.S. Attorney for DC, # <u>2</u> Summons for U.S. Attorney General, # <u>3</u> Summons for U.S. Department of State, # <u>4</u> Summons for U.S. Agency for International Development)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 04/03/2018)
04/20/2018	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Marina Utgoff Braswell on behalf of U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 04/20/2018)
05/02/2018	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 05/02/2018)
05/03/2018		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ORDERS that the parties shall meet, confer, and submit a joint proposed briefing schedule by May 17, 2018. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 5/3/2018. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 05/03/2018)
05/03/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 5/17/2018. (znbn) (Entered: 05/03/2018)
05/17/2018	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 05/17/2018)
05/17/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Per the parties' <u>7</u> Joint Status Report, the Court ORDERS that: (1) On or before June 15, 2018, USAID will provide a draft search declaration to Plaintiff and the State Department will aim to complete its search; and (2) on or before June 18, 2018, the parties will confer and file a joint status report with a proposed production schedule. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 5/17/2018. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 05/17/2018)
05/17/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: USAID will provide a draft search declaration to Plaintiff and the State Department will aim to complete its search due by 6/15/2018. Joint Status Report due by 6/18/2018. (znbn) (Entered: 05/17/2018)
06/18/2018	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 06/18/2018)
06/19/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Per the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, the Court ORDERS that: (1) Defendants shall make an initial production of responsive records to Plaintiff by July 16, 2018, with monthly productions thereafter, if necessary; (2) Defendants shall conduct the supplemental search within two months, or once the technological issue has been resolved with searching the classified email system; and (3) The parties shall file a joint status report by July 26, 2018, notifying the Court on the progress of the search and production, and any other recommendations as appropriate. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 6/19/2018. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 06/19/2018)
06/19/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendants shall make an initial production of responsive records to Plaintiff by 7/16/2018. Joint Status Report due by 7/26/2018. (znbn) (Entered: 06/19/2018)
07/26/2018	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 07/26/2018)
07/27/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Per the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, the Court ORDERS that the parties shall file a further joint status report on August 23, 2018 with an update to the Court on the ongoing document production by the Department, and any other recommendations for further proceedings as appropriate. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 7/27/2018. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 07/27/2018)
08/02/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Further Joint Status Report due by 8/23/2018 (lsj) (Entered: 08/02/2018)
08/23/2018	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 08/23/2018)

08/23/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Per the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, the Court ORDERS that the parties shall file a further joint status report on October 24, 2018 with an update to the Court, and any other recommendations for further proceedings as appropriate. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 8/23/2018. (lcjeb1) (Entered: 08/23/2018)
08/23/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/24/2018. (znbn) (Entered: 08/24/2018)
10/23/2018	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 10/23/2018)
10/23/2018		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further Joint Status Report by November 30, 2018. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 10/23/2018. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 10/23/2018)
10/23/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/30/2018. (znbn) (Entered: 10/23/2018)
11/30/2018	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 11/30/2018)
11/30/2018		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further Joint Status Report by January 16, 2019. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 11/30/2018. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 11/30/2018)
11/30/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/16/2019. (znbn) (Entered: 11/30/2018)